

The Catholic Church in Asia: Statistical Data

World Population	5,687,374,000
Asian population	3,456,280,000
Catholics in the world	989,366.000
Catholics in Asia	101,210,000

The Catholic Church in Asia

Parishes	8,332
Mission stations	31,996
Cardinals	12
Patriarchs	6
Archbishops	149
Bishops	418
Priests, diocesan	22,456
Priests, religious	16,180
Brothers	7,078
Sisters	124,091
Lay missionaries	194
Catechists	96,818
Seminarians	24,889 major
Seminarians	22,520 minor

Education

Kindergartens	8,941	Children	1,327,000
Elementary schools	13,271	Pupils	4,539,571
Middle schools	7,791	Pupils	4,134,499
High Schools and Universities		Total for both	1,138,983

Health Care and other services

Hospitals	8,941
Leper colonies	354
Dispensaries	3,222
Homes for aged/handicapped	1,184
Orphanages	2,492
Children's Homes	2,227

Figures taken from Fides International Service

The Catholic Church in Mainland China, Hong Kong, Macau, Taiwan, Mongolia

China

Area	9,596,961 sq.km.
Population	1,232,000,000
Languages	Chinese, Tibetan, Mongol
Religions	Confucianism, Buddhism, Taoism, Islam, Christianity
Capital	Beijing
Government	People's Republic

The Catholic Church in China

Catholics	10,000,000
Dioceses	138
Bishops	68 official; 58 not official
Priests	2,200 (in both underground and open church)
Sisters	2000 in open and 2000 in underground
Seminarians	1000 (open) 700 (unofficial)
Seminaries	24 official; 10 non-official
Novitiates	20 official, 20 non-official
Novices	1500 official; 1000 non-official

(Figures from Holy Spirit Study Centre data, 1997)

Hong Kong

Area	1,045 sq. km.
Population	6,191,000
Languages	Chinese, English
Religions	Buddhist, Taoist, Christian, Islamic, Hindu, Sikh, Jewish
Capital	Beijing

The Catholic Church in Hong Kong

Catholics	239,000 (3+%)
Dioceses	1
Parishes	59
Places of religious worship	97
Cardinals	1
Bishops	2
Priests	71 diocesan; 266 religious
Brothers	73
Sisters	557
Seminarians	17 (diocesan/religious)
Novices	13
Catechists	809

(Figures taken from the Hong Kong Catholic Church Directory, 1998)

Macau

Area	16 sq. km.
Population	440,000
Languages	Chinese, Portuguese. English
Religions	Buddhist, Taoist, Christian (6.5%)
Capital	Macau
Government	Portuguese colony (until Dec. 1999)

The Catholic Church in Macau

Catholics	22,000
Dioceses	1
Parishes and chapels	21
Bishops	1
Priests	31 diocesan; 38 religious
Brothers	13
Sisters	180

(Figures taken from Directorio Catolico de Macau, 1998)

Mongolia

Area	1,566,500 sq. km.
Population	2,515,000
Languages	Mongolian

Religions	Buddhist, Lama, Christian
Capital	Ulaan Baatar
Government	Republic

The Catholic Church in Mongolia

Catholics	2000 (circa) 0.08%
Missions <i>sui juris</i>	1 (Urga)
Priests	31 (all religious)
Brothers	4
Sisters	10
Foreign missionaries	17

(Figures taken from Fides International Service)

Taiwan

Area	36,000 sq. km.
Population	21,000,000
Languages	Mandarin, Taiwanese, Hakka
Religions	Popular religions, Taoism, Christianity
Capital	Taipei
Government	Republic

(Figures taken from Fides International Service)

The Catholic Church in Taiwan

Catholics	299,319 (1.42%)
Dioceses	7
Churches	817
Parishes	383
Mission Stations	413
Cardinals	1
Bishops	9
Priests	265 diocesan; 466 religious
Brothers	365
Sisters	1116
Seminarians	70 major; 92 minor
Catechists	274

(Figures taken from the Catholic Directory, Taiwan, 1997)